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Dr. Neil Shear is Professor and Chief of Dermatology at the University of Toronto Medical School. He graduated with a degree in Engineering Science from the same university in 1973 and a medical degree from McMaster University in 1976. Dr. Shear completed training in both Internal Medicine and Dermatology recognized by the Royal College of Physicians of Canada and the American Boards. A research fellowship in Clinical Pharmacology, supported by the Medical Research Council of Canada, was completed at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Dr. Shear joined the staff of Sunnybrook Hospital in 1984 and is now the Head of Dermatology at Sunnybrook & Women's College Health Sciences Centre, and the Director of the University of Toronto Drug Safety Research Group. Dr Shear founded the Drug Safety Clinic at Sunnybrook in 1985. He was the founding chair of CADRAC, the Canadian Adverse Drug Reaction Advisory Committee of Health Canada. He has conducted clinical trials in dermatology, from first in human early pharmacology studies to large randomized trials of novel therapeutics in his role as Vice President of Research and Development (Dermatology) at Ventana Clinical Research. His research has been funded by numerous peer-reviewed agencies and the pharmaceutical industry. His main interest is in idiosyncratic drug reactions that involve the skin. He has published 200 peer reviewed papers and numerous chapters and abstracts. His clinical interests are diverse, from rosacea and camouflage makeup to autoimmune blistering diseases. Dr. Shear is a past president of the Canadian Society for Clinical Pharmacology and a recipient of the society's Distinguished Service Award. He is the Chair of the Canadian Association of Professors of Dermatology, President of the Canadian Dermatology Foundation, and a member of the prestigious American Dermatology Association. In his spare time he is the founding editor of the Canadian Journal of Clinical Pharmacology and associate editor of the Journal of Cutaneous Medicine and Surgery and deputy editor of Journal Watch Dermatology.

